permanent building is under repairs/renovation due to damage by earthquake.

Insufficient staff in Kendriya Vidyalayas

963. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country are not having sufficient staff;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) what action Government are taking to fill-up the vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Arising of vacancies and their filling up is a continuous process throughout the academic year. As on 21st November, 2001, 1585 vacancies were available in all the Kendriya Vidyalayas (853) put together. Written exam for the recruitment to the post of teachers is being held on 10th March, 2002 and the meetings of Departmental Promotion Committees are already going on for filling up of vacancies by promotion.

Posting of KV principals at home towns

964. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the transfer guidelines of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan a candidate selected for or promoted to the post of principal is not posted at his/her home town; and

(b) if so, the details those who have been posted at their home towns on their initial posting as principal during the preceding three years, alongwith the justification in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) In accordance with the transfer guidelines, a candidate on promotion or direct recruitment to the post of

Principal is to be posted necessarily to a State other than the own where he is posted or domiciled as the case may be subject to the availability of vacancies and other administrative reasons. Those, who are due to retire within next 03 years may not necessarily be posted outside their home State, if their service at the same station prior to promotion does not exceed 03 years. These guidelines are generally kept in view while effecting transfer and posting on promotion/direct recruitment as principals.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Quota for poor students in Delhi Schools

965. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item captioned "Most private schools have no quota for poor students", appearing in The Times of India, New Delhi dated February 18, 2002;

(b) whether it is the Ministry's responsibility to ensure that the schools in Delhi/which have been provided land at low rates, fulfil their obligation of providing free education to the poor; if not, whose responsibility is this; and

(c) the names of schools in Delhi which have been allotted land at concessional rates and the extent to which each school is discharging its obligation at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERM A): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.